

**MAINE EMS  
INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2001  
MAINE EMS CONFERENCE ROOM, AUGUSTA**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Present:** S. Leach, R. Doughty, P. Knowlton, A. Azzara

**Staff:** D. White, D. Kinney

**1. Call To Order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m.

**A. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda – None**

**2. Investigations**

**A. Robert Davis**

Staff reported that Robert Davis, Maine EMS license #16720 had been convicted on January 5, 2001 of 2 counts of Gross Sexual Assault, Class B. It was noted that Mr. Davis' Maine EMS license expired on June 30, 2001.

The Committee reviewed information received concerning the events leading to Davis' convictions for the above crimes.

***Motion: That the Committee finds licensee Robert Davis, Maine EMS license # 16720 in violation of §§ 11.A.4. and 11.A.5 of the Maine EMS Rules; that the findings of Rules violations is based upon Mr. Davis' conduct that led to and his conviction for 2 counts of Gross Sexual Assault, Class B; and that the Board will consider the aforementioned conduct and convictions on any subsequent application it receives from Mr. Davis (Doughty; Azzara – motion carries).***

**B. Phillip Paquette**

The Committee received an investigation update concerning the complaint received regarding licensee Phillip Paquette. The Committee directed staff to schedule an informal conference with Mr. Paquette.

### **C. Cynthia Thompson**

Staff reported that it had received information that licensee Cynthia Thompson, Maine EMS license #15781, had practiced EMS patient care without a license due to invalidation of her license subsequent to the expiration of her CPR certification.

***Motion: To initiate an investigation of licensee Cynthia Thompson for practice of EMS patient care without a valid license (Doughty;Azzara ).***

### **D. Robert McConnell**

Staff reported that it had received information alleging that licensee Robert McConnell, Maine EMS license # 14230, committed thefts of patients' medications.

***Motion: To initiate an investigation of licensee Robert McConnell concerning allegations that McConnell committed thefts of patients' medications (Doughty; Leach motion carries 3-0-1, Azzara abstains).***

### **E. Dave Reynolds**

Staff reported that it had received information that licensee Dave Reynolds, Maine EMS license #19270, had been the subject of Federal legal action concerning alleged theft or misappropriation of government property.

***Motion: To initiate an investigation of licensee Dave Reynolds concerning alleged theft or misappropriation of government property by Mr. Reynolds and concerning any Federal actions taken regarding Mr. Reynolds (Doughty; Knowlton – motion carries).***

## **3. Applications**

### **A. Robert Cassavaugh**

Staff reported that applicant has a history of criminal convictions.

The Committee reviewed information obtained by Maine EMS and supplied by the applicant.

***Motion: That the Committee enter into a consent agreement with Robert Cassavaugh that provides for the issuance of a 3 year probationary license with the condition that should charges be filed against him in any State or Federal Court for the 3 year term of the probationary license, he shall immediately surrender his license to the Board (Dought;Knowlton – motion carries).***

## **B. Sally Taylor**

Staff reported on information received regarding applicant Sally Taylor's history of criminal convictions. Review and discussion followed.

***Motion: That the Committee table action on the application of Sally Taylor and that the applicant be requested to attend the October 2001 Investigations Committee meeting for the purpose of discussing the pending application and her history of criminal convictions; and that staff request that the applicant authorize the release of her probation records for Committee review. (Doughty; Knowlton – motion carries).***

## **C. Paul Blais**

Staff provided information concerning Paul Blais' request to have his license reinstated following his voluntary surrender of it.

Mr. Blais had been the subject of a service and region level inquiry regarding his acquisition of prehospital medications (for use by his EMS service) in a manner that was inconsistent with established policies and procedures.

The Committee reviewed information provided by the service, the regional office and the applicant.

***Motion: That Paul Blais is eligible to receive a Maine EMS license and that staff issue a letter of guidance to Mr. Blais concerning his adherence to service, region, and state policies, rules, protocols and procedures in regards to his EMS practice (Doughty; Azzara – motion carries).***

**4. Other – None.**

## **5. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held after the next Maine EMS board meeting.

**6. Adjourn –** The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Drexell White, Licensing Agent